



PRESIDENT TAFT'S OFFICIAL FAMILY

SKETCHES OF THE NINE
EMINENT MEN FORM-
ING HIS CABINET.

P. C. KNOX HEADS THE GROUP

Pennsylvanian Is Secretary of State—
Franklin MacVeagh, Chicago Merchant, Holds the Treasury Portfolio—Jacob M. Dickinson, Tennessee Democrat, to Manage the Army—Affairs of the Agricultural Department Left in James Wilson's Hands.

Philander Chase Knox of Pennsylvania, secretary of state in the cabinet of President Taft, was born at Brownsville, Pa., in 1833. He was graduated from Mount Union college, Ohio, in 1872, and three years later was admitted to the bar. During the years 1876 and 1877 he served as an assistant United States district attorney for the western district of Pennsylvania. In the latter year he formed a law partnership with James H. Reed which still exists and which has represented many large corporations, including the Carnegie Company. Mr. Knox entered President McKinley's cabinet as attorney general in April, 1901, serving until 1904, when he was elected United States senator from Pennsylvania. The latter position he resigned to become the head of President Taft's cabinet.

MacVeagh for the Treasury.

Franklin MacVeagh, secretary of the treasury, was born on a farm in Chester county, Pennsylvania, graduated from Yale in 1862, and from Columbia Law school in 1864. He be-

Good Company.
Religion cannot illuminate philosophical discussions. Philosophical discussions can confirm religious truths. And therefore seek the company of truly religious people and of real philosophers, the living as well as the dead. Tolstoy.

A Matrimonial Oversight.
It never seems to occur to persons who are getting married that they ought to take each other for good as well as for better or worse.—Philadelphia Record.

Child's Pathetic Suicide.
At Ballymena, Pa., recently, Mary Estella, eight years old, committed suicide. She grieved over the death of her mother. "Papa, I am going to shoot," she said, and before he had time to realize the meaning of the words the girl fired a bullet into her temple.

To Kill an Evil Odor.
Dried orange peel allowed to smolder on a piece of redhot iron or on an old shovel will kill any bad odor in a room and leave a fragrant one behind.

gan the practice of law in New York city, but afterwards moved back to Marion in 1885 to work in the wholesale grocery business. In this and other ventures he has accumulated a large fortune. Having suffered the calamity he disposed of his holdings in the grocery firm and became the director of the Commercial National Bank of Marion. Mr. MacVeagh has always been interested in mechanics, in the textile, woolen, knitwear, and national industries. He has been president of the Chicago Catholic Association, the Chicago Council of Catholic Charities, and the American Art League. As a member of the American Civic Association and chairman of the immigration department in the National Civic Federation, Mr. MacVeagh naturally was a Democrat. In 1884 he was nominated for United States senator by the Democratic delegation of Illinois, but was defeated in the legislature. He accepted Roosevelt's offer, afterward claimed that his party alienated some of the voters of the Democratic party on the basis of his opposition.

Dickinson Is War Secretary.
Jacob M. Dickinson of Tennessee and Chicago, the new secretary of war, was born in 1855 at Columbus, Miss. He graduated from the University of Nashville in 1872 and after studying law at Columbia College at the University of Denver and in Paris. He served several times by special commission on the supreme bench of Tennessee and was assistant attorney general of the United States in 1880.

Wilson Retains His Place.
Only one member of the Roosevelt cabinet retains his portfolio under Mr. Taft. That is James Wilson of Iowa, secretary of agriculture. So excellent had been his work in that post that there was no serious talk of making a change. Born in Scotland in 1855, Mr. Wilson came to the United States in 1852 and three years later settled in Iowa. In 1856 he engaged in farming in Tama county. He was a member of the Iowa assembly for three sessions and speaker of the house for one session, and also was a member of the House of Representatives.

Hint for the Talkative.
There is much to be said for silence. If the majority of people could be made to exercise themselves regularly in restraint of the tongue the general bitterness of this planet would be considerably expedited. Pall Mall Gazette.

As We Sow, We Reap.
Man is the architect of his own happiness. Let him beware how he composes the disposition of circumstances, for it is his own disposition he blames. Henry D. Thoreau.

To One Kind of Woman.
Here's to the women who has a smile for every joy, a tear for every sorrow, a consolation for every grief, an excuse for every fault, a prayer for every misfortune, and cheerfulness for every hope. What a lot!

Peanut Oil Well Liked.
In Europe a linseed oil, peanut oil is the most highly esteemed of vegetable oils after olive oil. It is also used in the manufacture of butter substitutes. The low-grade oils are used for soap.

member of the Iowa state railway commission. In 1872 he was elected to congress, serving two terms, and was sent to the national legislature again for one term in 1882. He was a member of the State university of Iowa in 1870-74, and in 1880 was made professor of the department of political science and a course of lectures at the Iowa Agricultural and Mechanical Institute. In 1887 he became secretary of agriculture.

Postmaster General Hitchcock.
The first cabinet officer selected by Mr. Taft after his accession was Frank B. Hitchcock of Massachusetts, who gave up his place as first assistant postmaster general to his predecessor fully the Taft presidential campaign. He has been given the office of postmaster general in the new cabinet. Mr. Hitchcock was born at Andover, O., in 1851 and graduated from Harvard in 1871 and from Columbia Law school in 1874. Since 1880 he has been a government official.

Nagel Has Commerce Portfolio.

Missouri has been rewarded for its switch to the Republican column by the appointment of Charles Nagel as secretary of commerce and labor. Mr. Nagel is a leading lawyer of St. Louis and the west. He was born in Texas in 1849, moved to St. Louis when a child and graduated from the St. Louis Law school in 1872. He has been active member of the law firm of Nagel & Kirby, professor in the St. Louis Law school and a trustee of Washington university. In 1880-81 he was a member of the Missouri house of representatives, and in 1890-91 was president of the St. Louis city council. He is a member of the Republican national committee and for years has been an ardent Rooseveltian. Mr. Nagel was identified with several important cases dealing with the Indians, especially in the affairs of the Five Civilized tribes in the Indian territory.

Navy Under Meyer's Charge.

President Taft's secretary of the navy, George von L. Meyer of Marion, was born and educated in Germany as a business man, legal and diplomatic and various offices. He was born in Berlin in 1855 and educated from Germany in 1878. He soon entered business and has been connected with a number of financial and commercial enterprises. His greatest achievement, however, is that while he was about 30 he became captain of a ship sailing for America—then became a passenger of the Altonado—then became the last survivor of his crew. In 1890 he was appointed to the U.S. naval academy at Annapolis, Maryland, in 1893 was transferred to the Revenue Cutter Service. In January, 1897, he joined Roosevelt's naval fleet and became his chief legal advisor. His services as naval counsel to Roosevelt were so valuable that he was re-appointed to the Revenue Cutter Service in 1901.

Ballinger Secretary of Interior.

After a short time of success as a competitor of the mineral land of the Northwest, Richard A. Ballinger of Seattle, Wash., has won the confidence as secretary of the interior. He is a native of Iowa, born in 1859, but born in Minnesota in 1860. After graduating from the University of Iowa and Wisconsin, he studied at Williams college, graduating in 1884 and afterward studying law and in 1886 became a lawyer. He was United States land surveyor in 1889-92 and later was judge of the supreme court in Jefferson county, Wash.

Attorney General Wickersham.

George W. Wickersham, who becomes President Taft's attorney general, has won the reputation of being one of the ablest lawyers in New York city. Born in Pittsburgh in 1858, he studied civil engineering in Lehigh university and in 1886 graduated from the law school of the University of Pennsylvania. For two years he practiced law in Philadelphia. In 1884 he became associated with the law firm of Strong & Cadwalader, to which Henry W. Taft, brother of the present president, belonged.

How the Snow Comes Down.

In a western home, Lynn, four years old, was kneeling on the carpet before a low window, intently watching the falling snow as it was rapidly covering the prairie. He turned and said recently: "Aunt Lizzie, God sends it down, and he spreads it so smoothly." *Delineator.*

Daily Thought.

To refuse to yield to others when reason or a special cause requires it is a mark of pride and stiffness. —Thomas a Kempis.

Blackbird with Two Heads.

At Linwood, near Bismarck, N.Dak., a blackbird, which is the unique creature of two almost perfectly formed heads, has been seen. It has two bills and has been seen to pick and make use of both the bills. It can peck food through both bills, yet it does not seem to have difficulty because the bills are so close together. The bird is called "two-headed."

World's Largest Incubator.

The largest incubator in the world is at Albany, New South Wales, Australia, to accommodate 1,000 duck eggs or 14,000 hen eggs.

PASSING OF FROST TWO-CENT RATE ACT NULLIFIED

NEW MEXICO'S BLIND BOSS A PICTURESQUE FIGURE.

Labored for Statehood for Many Years—Victory in Sight When Mind Fails Him and He Is Taken to a Sanitarium.

New York. Almost coincident with the announcement from Washington that practically all opposition to statehood for New Mexico had disappeared comes the word from Santa Fe that Col. Max Frost, long known as the blind boss of territorial politics, has been taken to a sanitarium at Kansas City on account of his mental condition. Max Frost has been blindfolded for more than 20 years. That his mental condition is such that he hardly realizes the victory at last has crowned his efforts must be regarded as one of Taft's greatest ironies.

The passing of May Frost from public life in this melancholy manner reminds one of the most picturesque and remarkable careers in the history of the southwest. For years he has been totally blind, and paralyzed to such extent that he has been unable to walk a step. In addition he has been afflicted with a malady that rendered his bones so brittle that they break as he tries to jaw in the simple act of crawling, and a few weeks ago a similar mishap occurred when he was dragged in an unslated car seat. Yet, until in January, when



he lost his mind, he was the most brilliant political leader in the West, laboring for the admission of New Mexico to the Union. He was a member of the territorial legislature, a member of the state constitutional convention, a member of the state legislature, and a member of the state senate.

Frost was born in Marion, Ill., in 1836, a child of the United States marine corps, and, on the strength of his superior mind, the brilliant student, he passed from the military academy at West Point to the naval academy at Annapolis, where he graduated in 1856. He became a midshipman in the U.S. navy, and in 1861 was promoted to the rank of ensign. In 1862 he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, and in 1863 to the rank of lieutenant commander. In 1864 he was promoted to the rank of captain, and in 1865 to the rank of commander. In 1866 he was promoted to the rank of captain, and in 1867 to the rank of captain. In 1868 he was promoted to the rank of captain, and in 1869 to the rank of captain. In 1870 he was promoted to the rank of captain, and in 1871 to the rank of captain. In 1872 he was promoted to the rank of captain, and in 1873 to the rank of captain. In 1874 he was promoted to the rank of captain, and in 1875 to the rank of captain. 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